Oneida County Solid Waste and Buildings & Grounds Meeting Monday, April 8, 2013 9:00 a.m. Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #1 1 S. Oneida Avenue Rhinelander, WI 54501

Members present: Billy Fried/Chairman, Jack Martinson, Gary Baier, Scott Holewinski

Members not present: Paul Dean (excused)

Department staff: Freeman Bennett/Highway Commissioner & Solid Waste Director, Brian

Dutcher/Assistant Solid Waste Director

Others present: Thomas Wiensch/Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mike Koehler/Advanced Disposal

Call to order:

Chairman Fried called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Martinson to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the discretion of the Chairman. Second by Baier. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Approve minutes of April 1, 2013 committee meeting:

Motion by Baier to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 committee meeting as presented. Second by Martinson. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Solid Waste -- bills and vouchers, blanket purchase orders:

Bennett reports he has none to present.

The Committee will consider the possibility of contracting with an outside party to sell items obtained by the "Second Story" resale operation at the Oneida County Transfer Station and consider the risks and benefits of operating the "Second Story" used item resale program without an independent contractor: Wiensch states he contacted Linda Conlon/Public Health Director in regards to possible health risks involved with operating the Second Story program. Wiensch provided a copy of the email response he received from Conlon, listing some possible health hazards but no major concerns.

Bennett provided a handout titled "Revenues vs. Expense Comparison" for the Solid Waste Department. In 2012, Bennett reports a \$4974.32 line item transfer for items that were pulled from MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) and put into the Second Story program for resale in order to give credit for the airspace that the items didn't take up due to being resold rather then disposed. Holewinski states this equates to about 73 tons of garbage pulled from the MSW which seems highly unlikely. Bennett also reports \$15,572.18 line item transfer for the recycling program which Bennett feels should not be accounted for since the recycling program doesn't generate revenues. Bennett reviewed the 2012 numbers for Second Story and recycling; feels numbers may be inaccurate. Martinson disagreed. Further discussion held.

Bennett states Second Story was started on a \$102,600 grant starting December 1, 2007 and was depleted September 30, 2009. Bennett states it is unlikely that they will be able to get another grant for the Second Story program. Overall, Bennett finds the Second Story program ends up costing Oneida County about \$9,000 per year.

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Bennett states he emailed the auctioneer interested in buying the Second Story inventory about additional liability insurance. The auctioneer states if he needs more insurance, they are willing to purchase it but the county would still have some degree of liability for the product sold. Bennett recommends temporarily closing the Second Story program for now until Solid Waste finances improve. Baier suggests using a non-profit organization run the Second Story program. Wiensch reiterates no matter what, Oneida County takes on some level of liability by running the Second Story program. Holewinski suggests the option of the Solid Waste department continuing to pull items out of the MSW and maybe once a year, give the opportunity for auctioneers to bid on the entire amount collected; the winning bidder would be required to take all the items and agree to full liability of the items. Motion by Fried to allow Oneida County to temporarily stop the resale of Second Story (items) but continue to pull items (from the MSW) that could be recycled and reused to be auctioned or sold at a later date. Second by Martinson. Bennett states no employee is currently assigned to the Second Story program so no employee will be affected by this temporary closure. Wiensch to draw up waiver or contract for items sold in the future from Second Story.

Consider having county employees haul municipal solid waste to a landfill, contracting with a landfill to accept municipal solid waste, purchasing trailers for use in hauling municipal solid waste, and/or bidding the hauling and disposal of municipal solid waste, and recommending that the county board pass a resolution allowing for the purchase of trailers and disposal of solid waste:

Bennett states he contacted the previous bidders after the last committee meeting to let them know their bids were rejected due to the surcharges and provisions included with their bids despite the Request for Bids prohibiting extra charges and provisions. Wiensch and Bennett also met with Finance Director Margie Sorenson to gather numbers. The Solid Waste equipment account currently has about \$45,000 in the account from glass sales. Bennett states used trailers would run no more then \$80,000 for two of them. Sorenson has no problem with the department borrowing money from the general fund to purchase trailers and a plan would be set for the department to pay back the money borrowed from the general fund. However, Bennett says the Solid Waste Department already owes money to the general fund and hates to see Solid Waste go further into debt. Holewinski asks about using glass sales money to buy trailers once glass sales complete; Bennett feels it would be close to break even.

Bennett states it would cost Oneida County \$45.43 per ton to do our own hauling. Northern Waste recently quoted \$45.23 per ton for hauling, no CPI, no surcharges and no required tonnage; five year contract required. Wiensch pointed out if the committee decides to go with a private hauler, once a contract starts getting drawn up and if wording gets included that the committee isn't comfortable with, then the committee will be in trouble with the approaching June deadline. Continued discussion held on private hauler provisions, dealing with road limits and the process if county does own hauling. Fried suggests the committee continue to proceed with a resolution to buy the used trailers and Bennett to continue to work with Northern Waste on setting up a five year contract with price quoted and no other charges listed. Motion by Fried to allow Corporation Counsel to draw up a resolution for Solid Waste to be allowed to purchase two used trailers. Further discussion held and Fried withdrew his motion. Continued discussion on the pros and cons of the different hauling options presented.

Committee took Recess at 10:00 a.m. then went back in session at 10:04 a.m.

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Recycling grant money for townships:

Dutcher states per discussion from March 25th committee meeting, he contacted the DNR and found that Baier was correct about extra recycling money going back to townships. Dutcher will get the necessary paperwork completed in order to get the money distributed correctly. Dutcher is not sure what the specific amounts will be for each township at this time but Dutcher will bring specific totals for each township back to this committee before any checks are disbursed. Further discussion was held and Dutcher to report back on agenda topic at future meeting.

Solid waste revenue and cost comparisons:

Dutcher states still trying to put spread sheet together on tracking costs and will present a full spreadsheet at the next committee meeting.

Items for next agenda:

Update on Solid Waste hauling Recycling grant money for townships

Future meeting dates:

April 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. May 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

***April 29, 2013 meeting is canceled

Adjournment:

Motion by Holewinski to adjourn meeting. Second by Baier. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried. Adjourn at 10:10 a.m.

Billy Fried

Committee Chairman

Jennifer Lueneburg

Committee Secretary